

Minutes of a Town Council meeting held on June 19th, A.D. 2014 at 7:00 o'clock PM in the Town Council Chambers, Town Hall, 40 Commons, Little Compton, RI. Members present: Charles N. Appleton, Jr., Fred M. Bodington, III, Paul J. Golembeske, Gary S. Mataronas and Robert L. Mushen. Also present: Richard S. Humphrey, Town Solicitor and Tom Dunn, Business Manager.

Salute to the Flag.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen) Councilor Golembeske abstained from voting: To approve, as written the Town Council meeting minutes for June 5, 2014.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Mataronas, Mushen) Councilor Golembeske abstained from voting: To approve, as written the Town Council meeting minutes for June 11, 2014.

Announcements:

1. There will be a Memorial Tree planting in memory of Deborah Bodington at 2 PM on Saturday, June 21, 2014 at the Public Safety Complex lot, 60 Simmons Road. The public is invited to attend and

remember Ms. Bodington who was a life long resident of Little Compton and a former member of the Town Council.

2. Since the Council last met two (2) grant applications have been submitted: a legislative grant for \$2,000 through the RI General Assembly to complement the Recreational Field Project and a Homeland Security Grant application for \$96,503 for various communications upgrades and a complement to the senior van project.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place on file the Building Official's Department Head Reports for January through May 2014.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To approve Change Order #13 in the amount of \$31,709.02.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To approve the following bills totaling \$22,041.60 to be paid out of the remaining Bond Anticipation Note proceeds:

- 1. Durkee Brown Viveiros Werenfels - \$2,647.45**
 - 2. Geisser Engineering Corporation - \$2,131.65**
 - 3. Andelman and Lelek Engineering Inc. - \$14,652.50**
 - 4. ICM Project Manager - \$2,610.00**
- \$22,041.60**

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the payment of a total of \$858,532.93 to ADS Construction Inc. for Application #17, #18 and #19(FINAL) out of the remaining funds in the Bond Anticipation Note Account, the Bond Account and the General Fund as follows:

Application #18 - \$48,863.48 to the BAN proceeds

Application #19 - \$54,207.27 to the BAN proceeds

Application #17 - \$448,428.95 to the School Construction account

Application #17 balance - \$307,033.23 to balance of BAN \$11,900.57

\$35,000 to Cell Tower Fund per Sp. Fin. Town Meeting vote

\$30,000 to Capital Fund per Sp. Fin. Town Meeting vote

\$55,000 to Reserve Fund per Sp. Fin. Town Meeting vote

\$175,132.66 to General Fund per Sp. Fin. Town Meeting vote

Acting Chief Marion reported that the State Traffic Commission granted the Town's request for a crosswalk and signage in the Village of Adamsville. The installation of the crosswalk may take a few months. Speed limit signage had been ordered and will be installed as soon as the personnel can be assigned.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To affirm the previously granted approval on June 5, 2014 of the use of the Town Tennis Courts by Jason Ford and to accept a donation to the Town for the use.

Scott Morrison, Chairman of the Charter Review Commission reviewed twelve (12) proposed amendments to the Home Rule Charter as submitted by the Commission for the Council to consider placement on the November General Election Ballot.

1) Section 305. Conduct of Meetings. – Eliminates the referral to the open meeting act as the Financial Town Meeting is not governed under this act.

2) Section 306. Proposals for Expenditure Outside of Budget. – Clarifies that the proposals are to be submitted to the Town Clerk.

3) Section 404. President and Vice President. – Recommends eliminating the reference to the President serving as the head of the Town for ceremonial and purposes of military law.

4) Section 502. – Budget Committee. Adds language to allow the committee to seek a recommendation of the Town Council for compensation for the Town Clerk and Town Treasurer/Tax Collector.

5) Section 504. – Public Hearings on Budget. Adding language to require the budget committee report be posted on the town website.

6) Section 601. – Town Administrator. Change title in this section

from Town “Business Manager” to Town “Administrator”

7) Section 602. – Town Clerk. Change language giving authority for the Town Clerk to employ a Deputy to “shall” employ. AND

Section 603. – Town Treasurer/Tax Collector. Change language from “may” to “shall” employ a Deputy.

8) Section 605. – Tax Assessors. Propose again for the Town to reduce down to a single Tax Assessor.

9) Section 703. – Conservation Commission. Makes a member an ex officio member of the LC Agricultural Conservancy Trust and inserts language to require at least annually a report on the conservation and open space priorities of the town.

Section 709. Auditorium-Gymnasium Committee – change to Recreation Committee and restructure the committee.

10) Section 707. – Harbor Commission. Change the Sakonnet Point Marina representative seat to a joint seat with the Sakonnet Point Club.

11) Section 804. – Organization and Rules. Removes the ability for the School Committee to set its own compensation.

12) Section 806. – Buildings and Grounds, Purchasing. Changes upon agreement which department assumes responsibility for the maintenance of all school property and gives authority for the Town Purchasing Agent to assume responsibilities for School Dept. supplies and equipment purchases.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington,

Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To return to the July 10, 2014 Town Council meeting prepared to consider the placement of any or all of the proposed amendments to the Home Rule Charter as recommended by the Charter Review Commission.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To re-appoint the following:

Auditorium/Gymnasium Committee – David G. MacGregor

Harbor Master/Commissioner of Wrecks – Michael Massa

Asst. Harbor Master – Charles Hall

Pension Committee Members at large – Stephen Ham, Roger Lord, Robert Marra

Zoning Board of Review Member – Frederick G Buhrendorf, Jr.

Alt. Zoning Board of Review Member – William Ryan

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To conduct interviews at 6:30 PM on the 10th of July for the two (2) applicants to serve on the LC Agricultural Conservancy Trust with the appointment to take place on the agenda for that meeting.

Note: Vacancies still existing on the Conservation Commission and the LC Housing Trust will continue to be posted.

Discussion of how to proceed with hiring a replacement Police Chief:

- **Councilor Mushen expressed a desire to conduct a work session to define what qualities or qualifications the Council would like to see in the new Police Chief.**
 - **Council may wish to discuss the process with the members of the department**
 - **Look at what other small towns have in their departments.**
 - **Is there a desire to seek an outside of the Town/State for applicants?**
Councilor Mushen stated that was not his intent.
 - **Keep process open**
 - **Can we legally appoint right now? Solicitor: yes nothing restricting the process**
 - **State Police praise the existing department and the outgoing Police Chief**
 - **Will establishing a process alienate the members of the department or the Acting Chief?**
 - **Another member of the department wishes to apply for the position**
 - **Interviewing the potential candidate(s) give legitimacy to the appointment**
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- **Tiverton Police Officer Daniel Martin, a former member of the LC Department stated that he had heard rumors of why he left the department. He came to set the record straight that he did not leave**

because of any issues with the Acting Police Chief. He was thanked for his comments.

- Police Chief Wordell stated that he recommended Lt. Marion for the position, he feels the Council should validate the recommendation through a process and verify if it is true that another member of the department wishes to apply

- Police Chief Wordell also stated that his department has functioned without grievances and operated in a manner that should give the Council existing knowledge of how a small town department should operate. He strongly believes the appointment should be within the department

A special meeting will be set for June 30, 2014 at 6 PM to discuss and define the process and goals for hiring a Police Chief.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To acknowledge and place on file the decision of the Director of Public Works to award the Spring Roadside Mowing Bid to the single bidder, Joseph Rego in the amount of \$8,197.20.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To accept an offer to donate a Liberty Elm Tree in Memory of Albert Libutti by a group of his friends

and to work with the Liberty Tree Society with the advice of the Little Compton Tree Committee for the placement of said tree.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To grant a request to remove Full-Time Public Safety Dispatcher Stephanie Manchester-Wilkie and Part-Time Public Safety Dispatcher Jessica Vandal from probationary status effective July 6, 2014 having completed their mandatory 6 month probationary period with salaries and/or benefits as per the agreement between the Town of Little Compton and the LC Municipal Employees Union.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To accept the recommendation of the Director of Public Works to increase the rate per hour for Highway Personnel and equipment #10 8' power angle and one ton 9' plow by \$4 each, which results in a \$68/hour for 8' power angle and \$73/hour for the 9' plow.

Motion made by Councilor Mushen, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To adopt the following Salaries and Benefits and authorizations:

SALARIES AND BENEFITS

JULY 1, 2014 – JUNE 30, 2015

1. Police Chief

As per contract

2. Part Time Policemen: to be \$2 less than Senior Patrolman rate

Uniform Allowance - \$150.00

Special Details – to be equivalent to Senior Patrolman rate when working for the Town of Little Compton and to be equivalent to Private Detail rate when working on a private entity as set forth in the agreement between the Town of Little Compton and the IBPO Local 644

3. Fire Chief

As per contract

4. Substitute Firemen: (part time firefighters):

Hourly Rate - \$15.00 per hour – set by vote of the Town Council held July 7, 2011.

5. Harbor Master - \$6,150 per year; with reimbursement of \$40 per month for cell phone use as Harbor Master until his personal contract expires and he joins the town's cell phone plan; no other benefits

Assistant Harbor Master - \$600.00 yearly

6. Building Official

As per contract

Under jurisdiction of the Building Officials Office

Electrical Inspectors - \$30.00 per visit

Plumbing/Mechanical Inspectors - \$30.00 per visit

7. Business Manager

As per contract

**8. Leonard Corrao (Disabled Firefighter) – Town payment
\$1576.21/month**

9. Tree Warden and Equipment (Contract Work)

Labor - \$45.00/hr.

Pickup Truck - \$15.00/hr.

Large Truck - \$20.00/hr.

Tractor and Loader - \$25.00/hr.

Bucket Truck - \$45.00/hr.

Chipper - \$40.00/hr.

(Vote of Town Council on 11/25/1985 – Outside contractors shall pay the tree warden \$15.00/day and notify him not less than 72 hrs. (when possible) prior to entering Town; also to notify him immediately upon completion of work).

10. Highway Personnel and Equipment (Contract Work):

Labor - \$35.00/hr.

Pickup Truck - \$15.00/hr.

Tractor w/ Rotary Mower and Operator - \$49.00/hr.

Tractor w/Side Mower & Operator - \$66.00/hr.

Backhoe w/operator - \$79.00/hr.

Tracked Backhoe (excavator) and operator - \$90.00/hr.

Five to Seven (5-7) Yard Dump Truck - \$35.00/hr.

Grader w/operator - \$75.00/hr.

One Ton Dump Truck - \$20.00/hr.

Snow Removal (All w/operator):

Four Wheel Drive (4WD) Pickup w/8 ft. Power Angle Plow - \$68.00/hr.

One (1) Ton (or Greater) Truck w/9 ft. Power Angle Plow - \$73.00/hr.

One (1) Loader w/operator - \$75.00/hr.

Six (6) Wheel Dump Truck w/10 ft. Plow - \$74.00/hr.

Sanding Town Roads - \$335/sand or \$320/sand w/Town sander

11. All Salaries and Benefits as set forth in the signed contracts between the I.B.P.O., I.A.F.F., and the Little Compton Municipal Employees Association and the Town of Little Compton

12. Also, authorize Treasurer to pay:

1. Salaries of elected officials as voted at the 2014 Annual Financial Town Meeting.

- 2. All bills presented by the L.C. Free Public Library and the Beach Commission.**
- 3. Salary of Probate Judge as voted at the 2014 Annual Financial Town Meeting.**
- 4. Longevity payments**

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the Town Council President to sign a contract on behalf of the Town Council with Thomas G. Dunn III as the Town's Business Manager for FY15.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the Town Council President to sign a contract on behalf of the Town Council with Richard G. Petrin, Fire Chief for FY15.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To authorize the Town Council President to sign a contract on behalf of the Town Council with William L. Moore as the Town's Building Official/Director of Public Works through 30 June 2017.

Donald Williams of Adamsville gave brief update on the status of the

Adamsville Lights restoration project. He informed the Council that Steve Madden has donated his labor and supplies for this project. The Adamsville Historical Association is coordinating a bid proposal to be advertised by the Town to solicit bids for the excavation work. Fund raising efforts will undertake to raise sufficient funds to cover the cost of excavating. The Police Chief suggested that the excavating specifications include the need to create a break in the stone wall near the ball field. Informational only.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To acknowledge the receipt of a copy of a grievance dated June 10, 2014 on behalf of Captain Gilbert Amarantes, which was denied by the Fire Chief.

Councilor Mushen noted that Scott Morrison was working with him to begin fund raising for the Peckham Lot field restoration allowing the Recreation, Conservation and Open Space Committee the ability to focus on the actual project. Informational only.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To approve a request to erect temporary roadside signs to mark the location of former and existing one-room school houses in Little Compton by the LC Historical Society.

Motion made by Councilor Mataronas, receiving a second by Councilor Golembeske, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To place the consent calendar on file as follows:

12. Copies of resolutions adopted by the Warren Town Council and the Barrington Town Council concerning the Municipal Road and Bridge Revolving Fund

Councilor Mushen will bring the final end of fiscal year balance transfers and invoices to the June 30, 2014 meeting.

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Mataronas, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): That the bills be allowed and ordered paid as follows: \$138,139.71

Messenger Security Systems Inc. - Town Hall	\$105.00
Messenger Security Systems Inc. - 32 Commons	\$65.00
Messenger Security Systems Inc. - 30 Commons	\$65.00
Messenger Security Systems Inc. - Public Safety Complex	\$120.00
Valcourt Heating Inc. - Town Hall	\$722.00
Valcourt Heating Inc. - Public Safety Complex	\$196.00
Allied Waste Services - Transfer Station	\$7,969.71
ATR Treehouse - FTM - Canvassers	\$1,093.75

Walco - Harbor Management Funds \$608.50

Walco - Harbor Management Funds \$2,299.39

Direct Energy - Street Lights \$9.91

Direct Energy - Transfer Station \$30.99

Direct Energy - Public Safety Complex \$641.31

Direct Energy - Street Lights at Town Dock \$10.59

Direct Energy - Street Lights Adamsville \$31.39

Direct Energy - Cell Tower \$289.17

Direct Energy - Town Dock \$24.00

Direct Energy - Peckham Lot \$23.90

Direct Energy - Street Lights \$5.64

Direct Energy - 32 Commons \$11.86

Direct Energy - Town Hall \$245.06

Direct Energy - IOOF Hall \$14.86

Alarm New England LLC - Town Hall \$317.97

Aquidneck Mooring - Harbor Management Fund \$433.93

Aquidneck Mooring - Harbor Management Fund \$150.00

Humphrey's - Maintenance \$8.64

Effluent Technologies - Waste Water Treatment Facility \$356.05

United Site Services - Transfer Station \$115.00

Nationalgrid - Public Safety Complex \$1,046.00

Nationalgrid - Transfer Station \$32.63

Nationalgrid - Cell Tower \$211.17

Nationalgrid - Street Lights Adamsville \$32.89

Nationalgrid - Town Hall \$180.65

Nationalgrid - IOOF \$21.46

Nationalgrid - 32 Commons \$19.38

Nationalgrid - Street Lights \$15.08

Nationalgrid - Street Lights Peckham Lot \$27.70

Nationalgrid - Town Dock \$27.77

W James Farrell, III - MEDS funds \$152.00

Vision Government Solutions - Assessors \$5,050.00

Vision Government Solutions - Computer (July 1st
payment) \$7,250.00

Sakonnet Veterinary Hospital - Police Dept. \$440.00

Rob's Auto Care Inc. - Police Dept. \$485.70

Belmont Springs - Police Dept. \$22.08

Sullivan Tire Companies - Police Dept. \$726.12

Cox Communications - Police Dept. \$171.00

Cox Communications - Police Dept. \$188.73 \$2,033.63

Thomas Wood - Drug Forfeiture \$430.00

State of Rhode Island - Drug Forfeiture \$30.00

Verizon Wireless - Drug Forfeiture \$293.94 \$753.94

Verizon Wireless - Maintenance \$30.25

Verizon Wireless - Maintenance \$33.12

Verizon Wireless - Transfer Station \$30.25

Verizon Wireless - Building Official \$59.03

Sakonnet Plumbing & Heating - Public Safety Complex \$68.00

Donald P Medeiros - Fire Dept. \$800.00

Alex Oliveira - Fire Dept. \$203.05

Ryan Rebello - Fire Dept. \$302.40

Greenwood Emergency Vehicles - Fire Dept. \$533.18

Verizon Wireless - Fire Dept. \$124.99

American Safety Programs & Training Inc. - Fire Dept. \$1,350.00

RI Uniform & Supply Inc. - Fire Dept. \$306.47

Enos Home Oxygen - Fire Dept. \$34.00

Griggs & Browne - Fire Dept. \$50.00

Cox Communications - Fire Dept. \$173.10

Tiverton Auto Body - Fire Dept. \$100.00

Paul's Press - Fire Dept. \$214.54

Wilbur's General Store - Fire Dept. \$13.86

Standish Boat Yard Inc. - Fire Dept. \$125.04

CS&M - Fire Dept. \$811.93

Woods Small Engines - Fire Dept. \$28.00

National Fire Codes - Fire Dept. \$1,165.50

Power Equipment - Fire Dept. \$79.69

Home Depot - Fire Dept. \$169.29

LG Communications - Fire Dept. \$760.00 \$7,345.04

Susan Sisson - Dir. Of Social Services \$1,200.00

Maguire Equipment Inc. - Transfer Station \$600.00

Petro - gasoline \$3,019.85

Poland Spring - Maintenance \$10.62

Poland Spring - Town Hall \$5.95

RI League of Cities and Towns - Dues (July 1st payment) \$1,430.00

Carol A Wordell - Town Clerk \$60.97

Paychex of New York LLC - Treasurer \$518.71

RI Interlocal Risk Mgmt Trust - Insurance (July 1st payment) \$75,135.00

RI Interlocal Risk Mgmt Trust - Insurance (July 1st payment) \$15,774.00

Motion made by Councilor Golembeske, receiving a second by Councilor Bodington, voting in favor (Appleton, Bodington, Golembeske, Mataronas, Mushen): To adjourn at 8:38 PM.

Carol A Wordell, Town Clerk